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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYER

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Case	Date Filed
3-CA-279176	June 29, 2021

INSTRUCTIONS: File an original with NLRB Regional Director for the region in which the alleged unfair labor practice occurred or is occurring. EMPLOYER AGAINST WHOM CHARGE IS BROUGHT b. Tel. No. a. Name of Employer (845) 434-5051 MB Consultants dba Murrays Chicken c. Cell No. f. Fax No. (845) 436-0059 d. Address (Street, city, state, and ZIP code) e. Employer Representative g. e-Mail PO Box 13 5190 Main Street Tricia Cosgrove tcosgrove@murrayschicken.com NY South Fallsburg 12779 h. Number of workers employed 260 i. Type of Establishment (factory, mine, wholesaler, etc.) j. Identify principal product or service Food Processing poultry k. The above-named employer has engaged in and is engaging in unfair labor practices within the meaning of section 8(a), subsections (1) and (list of the National Labor Relations Act, and these unfair labor practices are practices affecting commerce within the meaning of the Act, or these unfair labor practices are unfair practices affecting commerce within the meaning of the Act and the Postal Reorganization Act. 2. Basis of the Charge (set forth a clear and concise statement of the facts constituting the alleged unfair labor practices) --See additional page--3. Full name of party filing charge (if labor organization, give full name, including local name and number) Tenisha Williamson UFCW Local 342 4b. Tel. No. 4a. Address (Street and number, city, state, and ZIP code) (516) 747-5980 4c. Cell No. 166 East Jericho Turnpike NY Mineola 11501 4d. Fax No. 4e. e-Mail twilliamson@ufcw342.org 5. Full name of national or international labor organization of which it is an affiliate or constituent unit (to be filled in when charge is filed by a labor organization) Tel. No. 6. DECLARATION I declare that I have read the above charge and that the statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. (516) 561-6622 Office, if any, Cell No. Martin L Milner Title: Attorney (signature of representative or person making charge) (Print/type name and title or office, if any) Fax No. (516) 561-6828

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Basis of the Charge

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Within the previous six months, the Employer failed and refused to bargain in good faith with the union as the collective bargaining representative of its employees by making unilateral changes in terms and conditions of employment.

List Changes	Approximate date of change
remove employee lockers w/o adequate replacement	01/08/2021
faliure to negotiate over removal of lockers	01/15/2021



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Tricia Cosgrove MB Consultants dba Murrays Chicken PO Box 13 5190 Main Street South Fallsburg, NY 12779

Re: MB Consultants dba Murrays Chicken

Case 03-CA-279176

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<u>Presentation of Your Evidence</u>: We seek prompt resolutions of labor disputes. Therefore, I urge you or your representative to submit a complete written account of the facts and a statement of your position with respect to the allegations set forth in the charge as soon as possible. If the Board agent later asks for more evidence, I strongly urge you or your representative to cooperate fully by promptly presenting all evidence relevant to the investigation. In this way, the case can be fully investigated more quickly.

Full and complete cooperation includes providing witnesses to give sworn affidavits to a Board agent, and providing all relevant documentary evidence requested by the Board

agent. Sending us your written account of the facts and a statement of your position is not enough to be considered full and complete cooperation. A refusal to fully cooperate during the investigation might cause a case to be litigated unnecessarily.

In addition, either you or your representative must complete the enclosed Commerce Questionnaire to enable us to determine whether the NLRB has jurisdiction over this dispute. If you recently submitted this information in another case, or if you need assistance completing the form, please contact the Board agent.

We will not honor requests to limit our use of position statements or evidence. Specifically, any material you submit may be introduced as evidence at a hearing before an administrative law judge regardless of claims of confidentiality. However, certain evidence produced at a hearing may be protected from public disclosure by demonstrated claims of confidentiality.

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We can provide assistance for persons with limited English proficiency or disability. Please let us know if you or any of your witnesses would like such assistance.

Very truly yours,

PAUL J. MURPHY Regional Director

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Enclosures:

- 1. Copy of Charge
- 2. Commerce Questionnaire

FORM NLRB-5081 NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD (3-11)				
QUESTIONNAIRE ON COMMERCE INFORMATION				
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Tenisha Williamson UFCW Local 342 166 East Jericho Turnpike Mineola, NY 11501

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PAUL J. MURPHY Regional Director

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cc: Martin L Milner, Attorney Simon & Milner 99 West Hawthorne Ave. Suite 308 Valley Stream, NY 11580

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

MB Consultants dba Murrays Chicken	
and	CASE 03-CA-279176
REGIONAL DIRECTOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD Washington, DC 20570	GENERAL COUNSEL NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD Washington, DC 20570
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MB Consultants dba Murrays Chicken	
IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED MATTER.	
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OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER: 973-848-4740	
CELL PHONE NUMBER:	_{FAX} : 973.755.0439
SIGNATURE: Alan A. Model	
(Please sign in ink.) DATE: July 29, 2021	

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September 14, 2021

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Re: MB Consultants dba Murrays Chicken

Case 03-CA-279176

Dear Mr. Model, Mr. Milner:

The Region has carefully considered the charge alleging that MB Consultants dba Murrays Chicken violated the National Labor Relations Act. As explained below, I have decided that further proceedings on the charge should be handled in accordance with the deferral policy of the National Labor Relations Board as set forth in *Collyer Insulated Wire*, 192 NLRB 837 (1971), and *United Technologies Corp.*, 268 NLRB 557 (1984). This letter explains that deferral policy, the reasons for my decision to defer further processing of the charge, and the Charging Party's right to appeal my decision.

Deferral Policy: The Board's deferral policy provides that the Board will postpone making a final determination on a charge when a grievance involving the same issue can be processed under the grievance/arbitration provision of the applicable contract. This policy is partially based on the preference that the parties use their contractual grievance procedure to achieve a prompt, fair, and effective settlement of their disputes. Therefore, if an employer agrees to waive contractual time limits and process the related grievance through arbitration if necessary, the Board's Regional Office will defer the charge.

Decision to Defer: Based on our investigation, I am deferring further proceedings on the charge in this matter to the grievance/arbitration process for the following reasons:

- 1. The Employer and UFCW Local 342 have a collective-bargaining agreement currently in effect that provides for final and binding arbitration.
- 2. The allegation that the Employer removed locker privileges from employees is an issue encompassed by the terms of the collective-bargaining agreement.

- 3. There is a pending grievance concerning the issue alleged in the charge and the Employer has agreed to process that grievance and will arbitrate the grievance if necessary. The Employer has also agreed to waive any possible time limitations as to that grievance in order to ensure that the arbitrator addresses the merits of the dispute.
- 4. Since the issue in the charge appears to be covered by provisions of the collective-bargaining agreement, it is likely that the issue will be resolved through the grievance/arbitration procedure.

Further Processing of the Charge: As explained below, while the charge is deferred, the Regional office will monitor the processing of the grievance and, under certain circumstances, will resume processing of the charge.

Charging Party's Obligation: Under the Board's Collyer deferral policy, the Charging Party has an affirmative obligation to file a grievance, if a grievance has not already been filed. If the Charging Party fails either to promptly submit the grievance to the grievance/arbitration process or declines to have the grievance arbitrated if it is not resolved, I may dismiss the charge.

Charged Party's Conduct: If the Charged Party prevents or impedes resolution of the grievance, raises a defense that the grievance is untimely filed, or refuses to arbitrate the grievance, I will revoke deferral and resume processing of the charge.

Monitoring the Dispute: Approximately every 90 days, the Regional Office will ask the parties about the status of this dispute to determine if the dispute has been resolved and if continued deferral is appropriate. However, at any time, a party may present evidence and request dismissal of the charge, continued deferral of the charge, or issuance of a complaint.

Notice to Arbitrator Form: If the grievance is submitted to an arbitrator, please sign and submit to the arbitrator the enclosed "Notice to Arbitrator" form to ensure that the Region receives a copy of an arbitration award when the arbitrator sends the award to the parties.

Review of Arbitrator's Award or Settlement: If the grievance is arbitrated or settled, the Charging Party may ask the Board to review the arbitrator's award or settlement. The request must be in writing and addressed to me. If the request concerns an arbitrator's award, the request should analyze whether the arbitration process was fair and regular, whether the unfair labor practice allegations in the charge were considered by the arbitrator, and whether the award is consistent with the Act. Further guidance on this review is provided in Spielberg Manufacturing Company, 112 NLRB 1080 (1955) and Olin Corp., 268 NLRB 573 (1984). If the request concerns a grievance settlement, see Alpha Beta, 273 NLRB 1546 (1985). These Board decisions are available on our website, www.nlrb.gov.

Change in Standards if Parties Agree to Submit Statutory Issue to Arbitrator: If during the processing of the grievance the parties agree to authorize the arbitrator to decide the statutory issue, please advise me in writing.

Charging Party's Right to Appeal: The Charging Party may appeal my decision to the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, through the Office of Appeals.

Means of Filing: You must file your appeal electronically or provide a written statement explaining why electronic submission is not possible or feasible (Written instructions for the NLRB's E-Filing system and the Terms and Conditions of the NLRB's E-Filing policy are available at www.nlrb.gov. See User Guide. A video demonstration which provides step-by-step instructions and frequently asked questions are also available at www.nlrb.gov. If you require additional assistance with E-Filing, please contact e-Filing@nlrb.gov.

You are encouraged to also submit a complete statement of the facts and reasons why you believe my decision was incorrect. If you cannot file electronically, please send the appeal and your written explanation of why you cannot file electronically to the **General Counsel** at the **National Labor Relations Board, Attn: Office of Appeals, 1015 Half Street SE, Washington, DC 20570-0001**. Unless filed electronically, a copy of the appeal should also be sent to me.

The appeal MAY NOT be filed by fax or email. The Office of Appeals will not process faxed or emailed appeals.

Appeal Due Date: The appeal is due on September 28, 2021. If the appeal is filed electronically, the transmission of the entire document through the Agency's website must be completed **no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** on the due date. If filing by mail or by delivery service an appeal will be found to be timely filed if it is postmarked or given to a delivery service no later than September 27, 2021. If an appeal is postmarked or given to a delivery service on the due date, it will be rejected as untimely. If hand delivered, an appeal must be received by the General Counsel in Washington D.C. by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the appeal due date. If an appeal is not submitted in accordance with this paragraph, it will be rejected.

Extension of Time to File Appeal: The General Counsel may allow additional time to file the appeal if the Charging Party provides a good reason for doing so and the request for an extension of time is **received on or before September 28, 2021.** The request may be filed electronically through the *E-File Documents* link on our website www.nlrb.gov, by fax to (202)273-4283, by mail, or by delivery service. The General Counsel will not consider any request for an extension of time to file an appeal received after September 28, 2021, **even if it is postmarked or given to the delivery service before the due date**. Unless filed electronically, a copy of the extension of time should also be sent to me.

Confidentiality: We will not honor requests to limit our use of appeal statements or evidence. Upon a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) by a party during the processing of an appeal, the Agency's FOIA Branch discloses appeal statements, redacted for

personal privacy, confidential source protection, or other applicable FOIA exemptions. In the event the appeal is sustained, any statement or material submitted may be introduced as evidence at a hearing before an administrative law judge. However, certain evidence produced at a hearing may be protected from public disclosure by demonstrated claims of confidentiality.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Linda M. Leslie

LINDA M. LESLIE Acting Regional Director

Enclosures

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD NOTICE TO ARBITRATOR

TO:		
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	(Address)	
		NLRB Case Number 03-CA-279176
NLR	B Case Name: MB Consultan	s dba Murrays Chicken
Labor F NLRB of proceed the und Region	Relations Board to administrative charge in the above matter. Furth to arbitration before you in orders that the Regional Director calersigned hereby requests that a contract of the second contract of the s	by the Regional Director of Region 03 of the National by defer to arbitration the further processing of the her, both parties to the NLRB case have agreed to resolve the dispute underlying the NLRB charge. The promptly informed of the status of the arbitration, by of the arbitration award be sent to Regional Director, Buffalo, NY 14202-2465 at the same time that it is sen
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

APPEAL FORM

Attn: Office of Appeals National Labor Relations Board 1015 Half Street SE	Date:
Washington, DC 20570-0001	
I am appealing the action of the Regiona	I Director in deferring the charge in
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	(Signature)